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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion between the Vice President,
Senator Inouye and the DCI, 18 March 1977

1. Senator Inouye reported on the following on-going activities of his Committee:

a. Budget: Senator agreed to provide two budget figures to Senator Muskie's Congressional Budget Committee. One of these was the National Intelligence Budget/Related Activities and the other the total budget. The total would be [redacted] (I wasn't quite clear what the two pieces really are--apparently it does not include tactical intelligence.)

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b. The Senate Select Committee had unanimously voted not to provide information to Representative Stokes in connection with the Sprague Subcommittee on Assassinations.

c. Senator Hathaway's Subcommittee on Charters-- we have the draft of this legislation. Basically they think that two hats for the DCI is bad. They want to work out almost all the details of this legislation with us in advance so that it will be more readily saleable to the rest of the Congress. On the timing question the Senator noted that Senate Resolution 400 has a deadline of 1 July. The Vice President made the point that we need some time to get our study going.

d. Senator Bayh's Committee on Civil Rights has a new bill on electronic surveillance of which we should have a copy (?). This is something that must be worked out with the Attorney General.

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e. Senator Stevenson's Committee on improving the quality of intelligence is looking at various ways to improve analysis and collection.

f. Senator Biden's Committee on secrecy is looking at the issue of civil or criminal sanctions.

g. Senator Hart's Committee is doing a low-key look at the JFK assassination.

h. Senator Morgan's Committee has been designated a brush-fire Committee to look into various charges that come up from time to time. They have recently responded to Senator McGovern in response to his letter of 29 October that they do not want to conduct an investigation of alleged past mispractices of the CIA in Greece.

i. Senator mentioned his belief in the continuing usefulness of the concept of "preventive surveillance" wherein we inform them if there are any indications of attempts to infiltrate the Committee or its staff. This has already worked advantageously once when a staff member was directed to make contact with representatives of a foreign country and the Committee failed to inform the appropriate intelligence authorities that this was authorized.

2. The Vice President agreed to meet with Senator Huddleston in the near term to discuss the timing of the charter revision legislation. He also discussed at considerable length the Executive Branch's desire to reduce the dissemination within the Executive Branch and also within the Congress without covering their need for oversight. There was a discussion of the fact that there were certain kinds of intelligence, like names of agents and assets, which did not need to be disclosed to the Committee.

3. On the question of numbers of people in the Congress to be informed, there was a discussion of the desirability of establishing a joint committee. Senator Inouye indicated that within the Senate the Select Committee is beginning to have almost exclusive jurisdiction as the Armed Services Committee, in particular, is no longer as active as it was. The Senator believes the House should establish its own select committee first and after some

period of trial, there might be an opportunity to have joint hearings with the Senate Committee and perhaps eventually some closer relationship.

4. The Vice President gained the approval of Senator Inouye for the possibility of hiring Mr. Fritz Schwartz, former staff director of the Church Committee, to be a special liaison between the Vice President, the DCI and the Congressional Committees working on charter revision, joint committee prospects and these many other issues that are up for immediate action.

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